

THE CABINET, PERPLEXED.

It Does Not Know What to Do With the Demand of the Dauntless for Clearance of a Cargo of Munitions of War.

the whole question of violations of the neutrality and navigation laws by Cuban filibusters, with a view to deciding upon some definite policy. No conclusion was reached at the special conference held Wednesday between the president, Secretary Sherman, Secretary Gage, Attorney General McKenna and Secretary Long. The subject

of granting clearance papers to vessels loaded with arms and munitions of war was left open with the understanding that the attorney general should examine the law and precedents and render the opinion requested by the treasury department on the application of the steamer Dauntless to clear from Jacksonville, without cargo.

view from Jacksonville with a cargo of arms and ammunition. That opinion was received at the treasury department today. In view of the fact, however, that the president and cabinet desired to give further consideration to the matter, the attorney general does not state any definite conclusions on which the department can act. He leaves the question of granting clearance papers to the discretion of the

The cabinet meeting adjourned once more without deciding upon any definite plan of action in regard to the Dauntless. The case was, however, regarded as a test case in respect to the policy of the administration. Attorney General McKenna, following the well known rule of the department in such cases, referred the case to court, having declined to give a definite opinion upon anything short of an actual state of facts. Supposed cases are not made the basis of opinions. The United States officials at Jacksonville, Fla., have been ordered to supply more definite information as to the legal status of the vessels in the United States courts there. The condition of the appeal taken by the federal government against the *Lox* will also be ascertained and its final disposition may be awaited before anything is done in the Dauntless' case.

TWO FATAL PRIZE FIGHTS.

Edward Gibbons Killed by a Blow Similar to the One Which Knocked Out Corbett. Another Death From Effect of a Blow in the Ring.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Last night, in a boxing bout at the Tenth Ward Democratic Club, Samuel S. Perry struck Edward Gibbons a blow near the heart similar to the one with which Fitzsimmons defeated Corbett, and at 12:30 o'clock this morning Gibbons died. The contest was one of a number on the programme of entertainment of the club, and the men

were good friends. For two rounds the contest continued, but what they were doing, none knew, although it was clear to the spectators that Gibbons was no match for the younger man. The fight continued for a minute, and Perry who had decidedly the better of the argument, stepped in, closed the fight and took Gibbons' body. His glove landed just under the heart, and the recipient staggered, but did not fall.

Referee Gillespie ordered the bout stopped, declaring that Gibbons was clearly unable to continue. He took off his boxing gloves. Perry went home, while Gibbons after dressing stayed about the club house for some time, but was unable of feeling sick and began vomiting blood. This alarmed the crowd, and Dr. J. C. Calkins, a physician from the city, was called. The physician found the man badly injured from internal hurts, due to the shock, and he was immediately removed to his removal to a hospital in a comatose condition with only a faint pulse at the mouth. No marks were visible to show where the blow landed, but the patient continued to sink, and at 12:30 o'clock died.

Perry was arrested at his home. He declared that the bout was friendly and that he did not hit Gibbons very hard. Martin Comber, a well known custom house employee and the president of the club, was arrested this mornig, as were also James O'Neill, who seconded Gibbons, and Sam Farrell, a spectator. Perry was arraigned before Magistrate Jermain today and committed to jail to await the action of the coroner. Comber, O'Neill and Referee Gillespie were held in \$500 bail each as accessories.

Another death as the result of a boxing bout occurred this morning at St. Vincent hospital. The victim, Keinnecker, aged 46 years, was the victim of a day night Keinnecker and Frank Connolly, aged 35 years, engaged in a glove contest in the second round at the corner of Fourth and Oxford streets, and Keinnecker was badly worsted. The latter went to his home, and yesterday he was found unconscious in his yard and removed to the hospital. Keinnecker's face presented a sorry spectacle. His right eye was closed, and his nose and forehead were badly contused. Immediately after he was taken to the hospital the injured man developed delirium tremens, which, the doctor says, rendered him almost unmanageable. He received, Connolly says, a shaken head today yesterday. It is not known whether gloves were used, although it is claimed by the friends of the victim that Keinnecker that it was a friendly bout. Connolly is a much larger man than Keinnecker. The latter had been drinking heavily of late. This morning he died.

Mr. Henry Robinson Explains.
Washington, March 20.—The attention of the department of agriculture has been drawn to the publication in Liverpool of alleged official information relative to mill takings from the cotton crop of 1896. Mr. Henry A. Robinson, statistician of the department, thinks it well for the public to know that no official information of the nature claimed has been given out. The nature and state of the work at the time of such publication also make it impossible that the assertions contained therein could have had any substantial foundation or any verification of value either public or private. In making this disclaimer, Mr. Robinson does not wish to be understood as denying or affirming any of the Liverpool statements.

Populists Get No Encouragement From Mr. Reed.

Washington, March 20.—The populist members of the senate and house held a joint caucus tonight for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to confer with Speaker Reed about representation on the committee of ways and means and other committees. The committee reported that they got no encouragement from the speaker and the caucus directed that the communication to him which stated their reasons for their demand be published.